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Programs

Wisconsin Medicaid to Cover Case Management Services Provided by County Child Welfare Staff to Children in Out-of-Home Placement

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

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Services Provided by County Child Welfare Staff Are Now Covered

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2004, Wisconsin Medicaid will cover case management services provided by county child welfare staff to children in out-of-home placement. Child welfare staff includes staff assigned to perform child protective service or juvenile service intake, initial assessment, and/or ongoing case management functions.

Wisconsin Medicaid can now cover case management services provided by county child welfare staff to children in out-of-home placement because the Department of Health and Family Services is using a new cost allocation methodology that assures duplicate claims are not made for federal Title IV-E and Medicaid funds.

Reiteration of Existing Policy for All Case Management Providers

Services Are Covered for Children Who Are Title IV-E Eligible Only

For children in out-of-home placement, Wisconsin Medicaid will continue to cover case management services only for children who are Title IV-E eligible. Title IV-E refers to Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. Wisconsin Medicaid already claims and reimburses the state Division of Children and

Family Services for case management services provided to children in out-of-home placement who are ineligible for federal Title IV-E payments. Therefore, providers should not submit case management claims to Wisconsin Medicaid for these children. Any claims that are paid will be subject to recoupment.

Services Are Limited to Activities That Relate to the Assessment, Case Planning, and Monitoring of Medical Care Needs

For children in out-of-home placement who are eligible for federal Title IV-E payments, federal law and regulations require that case management services covered by Wisconsin Medicaid be limited to activities that relate to the assessment, care planning, and monitoring of medical care needs. Medical care needs include all services allowable under Title XIX (Medicaid) of the federal Social Security Act. County agencies must ensure that the activities billed to Wisconsin Medicaid are not directly related to the delivery of benefits and services covered under Title IV-E.

Specific documentation requirements for case management services are contained in the Covered and Noncovered Services section of the Wisconsin Medicaid Case Management Handbook. Providers should also refer to the Case Management Handbook for other policies related to case management services.